

REMARKS

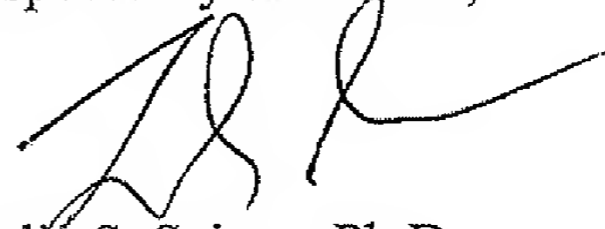
Continued allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Before addressing the specific issues in the outstanding Office Action, applicants note that the present application includes Claims 1-17 and 28. See the fifth page of the previous Listing of Claims in applicants' Response dated July 16, 2007. Since the applicants and the Examiner have not cancelled Claim 28 and the same was not subject to a Restriction Requirement, applicants believe that Claim 28 should have also been mentioned in the present Office Action.

Applicants acknowledge, with thanks, the Examiner's remarks concerning the allowability of Claims 1-17 (and applicants also believe Claim 28), except for the minor formal matters mentioned in the Office Action. In regard to the formal matters, applicants have amended Claims 1 and 17 in the manner suggested by the Examiner in the present Office Action. Applicants have also amended Claims 2 and 28 consistent with the Examiners proposals for amending Claims 1 and 17.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the present case is still in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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